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Election of eight members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to its resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and its decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council. The Forum consists of 16 members, with all members serving in their personal capacity as independent experts on indigenous issues for a period of three years, with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period. Eight members are to be nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2001/316 and eight members are to be appointed by the President of the Council based on nominations by indigenous organizations.

2. Consequently, in 2004, the Economic and Social Council will be called upon to elect eight members according to the following pattern, as outlined in decision 2001/316, under election 2:

Two members from African States;

One member from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and the Caribbean States;

One member from Western European and other States.

3. In this respect, the Secretary-General has received the following nominations:

From the Government of Brazil: Eduardo **Aguiar de Almeida**

From the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Njuma **Ekundanayo**

From the Government of Denmark: Ida **Nicolaisen**

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From the Government of Guatemala: Otilia **Lux García de Coti**

From the Government of China: **Qin** Xiaomei

From the Government of the Russian Federation: Yuri **Boychenko**

From the Government of South Africa: William Ralph **Joey Langeveldt**

4. The terms of office of the new members of the Permanent Forum would begin on 1 January 2005 and expire on 31 December 2007. Biographical information on the candidates is set out in the annex to the present note.

5. The terms of the following government-nominated members of the Permanent Forum expire on 31 December 2004.

Yuri **Boychenko** (Russian Federation)

Njuma **Ekundanayo** (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Yuji **Iwasawa** (Japan)

Wayne **Lord** (Canada)

Otilia **Lux García de Coti** (Guatemala)

Marcos **Matias Alonso** (Mexico)

Ida **Nicolaisen** (Denmark)

Qin Xiaomei (China)

6. The terms of the following members appointed by the President of the Economic and Social Council also expire on 31 December 2004:

Antonio **Jacanamijoy** (Colombia)

Ayitegau **Kouevi** (Togo)

Willie **Littlechild** (Canada)

Henrik Ole **Magga** (Norway)

Zinaida **Strogalschikova** (Russian Federation)

Parshuram **Tamang** (Nepal)

Mililani **Trask** (United States of America)

Fortunato **Turpo Choquehuanca** (Peru)

7. The names of the eight new members to be appointed by the President of the Council will be communicated separately to the members of the Council.

Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

Mr. Eduardo Aguiar de Almeida

Nationality

Brazil

Education

Philosophy and Social Sciences Institute, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; History Department, University of Brasília; Communication School, Federal University of Bahia (Brazil)

1970-1973; 1976-1978; 1986

Fundação Nacional do Índio (National Foundation for the Indigenous)

1979, Brasília

Experience

Brazilian Ministry of the Environment, Amazon Coordination Department; Adviser; October 2003 to December 2003

Fundação Nacional do Índio (National Foundation for the Indigenous), Federal Government; President; January 2003 to August 2003

Brazilian Ministry of the Environment, Amazon Coordination Department; Adviser; January 2002 to January 2003

Fundação Nacional do Índio (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) agreement); Adviser — consultant (UNESCO); January 2000 to August 2000

Instituto de Terras da Bahia (Land Institute of the State of Bahia, Brazil); President, 1987 to 1989

Fundação Nacional do Índio (National Foundation for the Indigenous); Director, January 1980 to May 1980

Folha de S. Paulo (São Paulo newspaper); Correspondent, 1977 to 1979

Gazeta Mercantil (São Paulo newspaper specialized in trade and the economy); Correspondent, 1975 to 1976

Mr. Yuri Alexandrovich Boychenko

Nationality

Russian Federation

* Complete curricula vitae are available in the office of the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Education

1980-1989
Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Law. Field of studies: international public and private law, constitutional law, international economic relations, political economy, philosophy

1997-present
Post-graduate research (PhD in international law) at the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation

Employment

2003-present
Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other international organizations at Geneva

1997-2003
Head of Division, Department on Compatriot Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

1992-1997
Third, Second, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other international organizations at Geneva

1989-1992
Attaché, Third Secretary, Department of Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Njuma Ekundanayo

Nationality

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Research associate

Instruction, Pedagogical Institute, Kananga (1978-1980)

Researcher, scientific research (1980-2000)

Diploma and certificates obtained

Examination: Passed "Examen de synthèse à la scolarité de doctorat" (Qualifying examination for doctorate) Montreal, 1976-1977

M.A., Sociology	Ottawa, 1975
B.A., specialization in sociology	Ottawa, 1974
B.A., concentration in psychology	Ottawa, 1974
College studies diploma, social worker	Quebec, 1975
CERDAS certificate	Kinshasa, 1983
Certificate of the Executive Secretariat/status of women/family, 1987, Distinction in research area	Kinshasa, 1988

Research area

Social psychology, group studies (pygmies)

Publications: articles

Contribution-testimony in relation to development, a case study: Kananga-Bukavu (Agrarian aspects, training and culture) in *Symposium proceedings*, 1979

The forever forgotten: Minorities/silent minority: women; active minority: foreigners; marginalized minority: the "pygmies", in "What cultural policy for the Third Republic in Zaire", Kinshasa, 1993

Analysis of the situation of the "pygmy" women and children of Zaire, Kinshasa, 1993 (unpublished)

William Ralph Joey Langeveldt

Nationality

South Africa

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Iowa, United States of America, 1992: instructional design and technology, sociology of education, international education, history of education

Master of Arts, University of Iowa, 1988
Counsellor, education and student development

Bachelor of Education, University of South Africa, Pretoria, 1981

Bachelor of Arts, University of South Africa, 1979

Experience

Project Manager, Vryburg Khoi-San Cultural Heritage Project (2002 to 2004)

Member of the Northwest Provincial Language Committee (2003)

Member of the Council of the National KhoiSan Consultative Conference, honorary treasurer; Chairperson of economic empowerment portfolio committee; Facilitator of learning experiences in economic empowerment for indigenous peoples in South Africa; Chairperson of the KhoiSan National Trust (2001)

Executive Director, Khoisan African Revival, Facilitator of learning and skills enhancement experiences for indigenous peoples in South Africa; Chairperson of the Economic Desk of the National Council of Khoi Chiefs of South Africa (1999)

Chief Executive Officer, Vryburg Municipality
Chief Executive Officer of the Vryburg Municipality; Chairperson of Radio Vryburg, a community-based organization (1997-2001)

Executive Director, Empower Africa Consultants, Facilitator of learning and skills enhancement experiences for local government officials in project management, planning and control, business plans, feasibility studies, project design and appraisal

in the Northern Province for the Centre of Excellence in Public Administration and Development (1995-1997)

Project manager, Short-term training in macroeconomic policy analysis for newly appointed officials of the Government of National Unity expected to play major roles in economic management, policy-making and decision-making processes (1994-1995)

Otilia Lux García de Cotí

Nationality

Guatemala

Education

Licenciate degree in teaching, with specialization in educational administration, at Rafael Landivar University, Guatemala

Teacher's degree in middle-level education and educational sciences at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala

Primary education urban teacher at the Normal Institute Juan de León in Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala

Experience

2002 to date	Member of the Executive Board of the Political Association of Maya Women of Guatemala
2000 to date	Minister for Culture and Sports
1999	Educational projects officer for the Agency for International Development, Guatemala
1997-1999	Member of the Commission for Historical Clarification ("Truth Commission")
1997	Provision of advice for the design and elaboration of the strategic plan for intercultural Bilingual education, a project for strengthening basic education, USAID
1993-1996	Member of the Governing Board of the Social Investment Fund, Guatemala

Ida Nicolaisen

Nationality

Denmark

Cultural anthropologist, Senior research fellow

Editor-in-Chief: Carlsberg Foundation Nomad Research Project

Positions: Associate Professor, Copenhagen University 1971-1997
Senior Research Fellow, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies 1997 to the present

Research: On the foraging Haddad (Chad 1963); the pastoral Tuareg (Niger 1966); the Punan Bah (Central Borneo since 1973)

Recent books: *The Pastoral Tuareg I-II*, 1997 (with J. Nicolaisen), *The Haddad of Kanem* (forthcoming)

Numerous scientific articles on indigenous culture, socio-economic development, history of anthropology

Academies: American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters; American Philosophical Society

Boards: Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre; Foundation of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik; World Wildlife Fund, Denmark; Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies; Committee on Human Rights (Royal Danish Academy of Science and Letters); All European Academies (ALLEA): Standing Committee of Ethics; Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies; Royal Danish Geographical Society; Humanity in Action; World Diabetes Foundation; Asia House Foundation; Danish Foreign Policy Society; Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA); Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization

QIN XIAOMEI

Nationality

Chinese

Education

Beijing University

Experience

1964	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1964-1990	Department of International Organizations and Conferences; Department of African Affairs; the Embassy of China, Kenya; Embassy of China, Lesotho
1990-1995	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations in New York
1995-1997	Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1997-1998	Deputy Head, Section of International Organizations and Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China
1998-1999	Counsellor, Embassy of China to the United States of America

1995-	Professor, Foreign Affairs College, China
2001-	Member of the Executive Board, United Nations Association of China